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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democrats of Tazewell county are hereby called to meet at the Court House on Tuesday, May 13th, 1896, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing sixteen delegates and alternates to represent Tazewell county in the State Democratic Convention to be held at Staunton, Va., June 4th, 1896, to elect delegates to the Chicago National Convention. Clear Fork district will be entitled to six delegates and six alternates; Jeffersonville District to five delegates and five alternates; Maiden Spring district five delegates and five alternates. All persons, no matter what their past political affiliation, who are willing to co-operate with us against high taxes and oppression are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

S. J. THOMPSON,
County Chairman.

DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Some of our contemporaries are a little previous in calling the Congressional convention to meet at Wytheville the 5th of August. The convention will not be called until after the State convention at Staunton shall have met and appointed the new committee. We are compelled to say that we cannot understand what some of our contemporaries mean by saying that the convention was called to meet August 5th at Wytheville for a purpose. They should remember what trouble the Democrats got themselves into two years ago through the same kind of remarks, assisted by a practical joker. We appeal to our brethren of the press not to make unkind remarks about the convention or any one who may be a candidate for the nomination, as we do not know on whom the choice will fall, and if we treat all alike in this matter it will be best for the party.

J. F. BULLITT.

If the Democrats of the Ninth District are wise they will work from now until the convention meets for the nomination of the above named gentleman. He is an earnest and enthusiastic Democrat, and a man of considerable ability, and will represent the district in a manner acceptable to every true Democrat. He is a man who never takes a side track, but is always up and doing in behalf of his party.

From what we hear among leading Democrats of this county Mr. Bullitt would be more than acceptable to the party in Tazewell. One thing is certain, and that is he could not be bulldozed by any man put up by the opposition.

Gen. Walker says that he told a Democratic friend that he would walk through Bristol with him and pay \$2.00 for every Democrat who didn't "cuss" at the mention of Grover Cleveland's name, if his friend would pay a dollar for every one who did. Later in his speech the General said: "Clevelandism is Democracy!" Then why do Democrats "cuss" Cleveland? Clevelandism is not Democracy! Democrats fight for principles—Republicans fight for "pie." The idea of a so-called Republican district convention, composed largely of renegade Democrats, being afraid to appoint a committee on resolutions! No wonder Chairman Lamb called it "the banner district south of Mason and Dixon's line." For it is composed of white men, of brains, and a political honesty and zeal that usually characterizes renegade. It is a lot of bolters, deserters, sore heads, pie hunters, and chensers. That is an ideal banner district, ain't it! The Democrats may split the Republicans will surely stride.

Hit 'em again. You have them here the wool's short, for straddle it will certainly be for the banner district," as Walker will retain the Republican candidate for Congress from this district, and every one knows that a doughy General is a 16 to 1 ticket from way back, and the tintment of his party in this district is for a gold basis. But that doesn't make any difference, they've swallowed something worse than a free silver platform—they've swallowed Walker himself and accepted him as a boss. So much for the "banner district."

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The little attention which the question of holding a Constitutional Convention in Virginia is now exciting is evidence that the people of the State feel very little interest in it, and that the movement for a convention is wholly factitious and confined mainly to ambitious politicians.

If you ask the average Virginian whether he intends to vote for or against the calling of a convention, his answer will show you that he does not know what you are talking about. A very small per centage of them have paid the slightest attention to the subject and but very few of them know that the Legislature has directed that they be called upon to say, next May, twelve months, whether they do or do not wish to have a convention held.

Some politicians who have pressed the movement forward, to its present stage are going to do all they can to induce the State Democratic Convention, when it meets at Staunton, to commit the Democratic party to the calling of this Constitutional Convention.

We hope the delegates will turn a deaf ear to such appeals. The only real object had in view by holding such a convention is to adopt a platform that will change the right of suffrage. The negroes are giving us no real trouble, and better that we should have ten times as much trouble from them as they really give us than that we should found our laws upon a fraudulent trick or disfranchise men merely because they are illiterate.

A time of unrest like the present is not one for holding a Constitutional Convention. No man can foretell the injury such a body called now would do to the state.—Richmond Times.

We do not know whether to credit the above to ignorance or malicious misrepresentation. When we take into consideration the standing of the Times we cannot believe that ignorance would lead them to make any such statement, and are forced to the conclusion that the Times in making the above statements is still pandering to the Republicans of the State in a vain endeavor to enlarge their subscription list. How a paper that claims to be a representative of a great party hopes to benefit that party by the course pursued by the Times is beyond the comprehension of any one. In answer to some of the above statements we are glad to say that in our section of the State the people are not as ignorant on the question referred to as the Times would lead one to suppose they are in the section in which it is published. We doubt there is a voter in the entire Ninth district who could not tell you at the present time whether he is for or against a Constitutional Convention. The only fault we have to find with the calling of the convention is that it should have been called for next month instead of next month a year. One thing especially, that the Times objects to, commends itself to intelligent men all over the State, and that is that there should be an educational qualification for voting and there is no reason why we should not have the same. Again, the last report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction is a strong argument in favor of some such law, as we are expending large sums of money yearly to educate children who are not in school, and an educational qualification for voting would act as a spur to, at least, give each child in the State the advantage of some education, if only enough to enable them to read.

WHAT SAYS OUR REPUBLICAN FRIENDS.

COLUMBUS, O., April 8.—By action of the Senate this afternoon in passing the Hard bill no voter can hereafter receive assistance in marking his Australian ballot, except those who are physically unable to do so, such as blind persons and those who have lost their hands, etc. The law is virtually an educational qualification to the right to vote, since no one who cannot read can mark the complicated ballot so that it can be intelligently counted.

We would call attention of our Republican friends to the above telegram from Columbus, Ohio, and ask them for their opinion on it. The election law in Ohio is somewhat similar to the one in use in Virginia, and with the above amendment is what the leading Democrats of Virginia have been trying to bring about, and that the Republicans have been declaring fraudulent and the men who administer the law thieves and other pet names. Of course Republicans will see the justice of the above law in Ohio, but when it was suggested that the Walton law should be amended and the constable feature abolished entirely, what a cry of righteous (?) indignation went up from the Republicans of this State. We hope the day will soon come when the present election law may be changed and made similar to the above.

DEMOCRATIC GAINS.

The New York Evening Post, though mugwump all over, if not Republican, cannot see as clearly as its neighbor, the Tribune, pretends to see, that all the signs point to a Democratic defeat next November. The Post furnishes the recent local elections in several States as favorable to the Democracy, and then says:

In other States the same signs of Democratic life and energy are perceptible. City and town elections were held throughout Michigan yesterday, and according to the Tribune's dispatches, "unusual interest was manifested." A "large vote was polled," and "while the issues, as a rule, were purely local ones, the Democrats generally developed unlooked for strength, and in many cities which for years have returned Republican officials their ticket has been elected in whole or in part." Similar reports come from Ohio, in which elections were held on Monday. The Democrats cut down the Republican majorities in many places, and carried others for the first time in several years. So, too, in Connecticut. They made a vigorous contest in all quarters and scored gains in many. In Wisconsin they are also alive, for in the Milwaukee election of yesterday "large Democratic gains were recorded in all wards of the city."

Democracy is not dead yet, nor is it asleep, as some have seemed to suppose.

Since the above was put in type town elections have been held throughout New Jersey and resulted in sweeping Democratic gains. New Jersey, it would seem, has returned to her first love, and can safely be counted on to cast her electoral vote next fall for the Democratic candidate for President.

THE DISCOVERY SAVED HIS LIFE.

Mr. G. Caillouette, druggist, Bensenville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial bottle at A. F. Hargrave's drug store.

The San Jose or Pernicious Scale.

We are in receipt of Bulletin 62 of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station which treats of the pernicious scale recently introduced to the Eastern States from California. This pest has now been widely scattered over the Atlantic seaboard by means of infected nursery stock, principally from New Jersey nurseries.

It is a minute scale insect which infests all manner of fruits and multiplies at an enormous rapid rate, soon causing the death of the plants attacked. This insect promises to do untold injury to our fruit interests unless strenuous measures are adopted for its suppression. Looking to this end an act was passed at the last session of the Legislature conferring upon the Board of Control of the Agricultural Experiment Station the authority to appoint an official inspector and giving to this officer power to inspect all premises and treat infested plants as he may deem proper for the suppression of the insect.

This bulletin treats in full of the insect with a number of illustrations and gives the text of the State law and the rules and the regulations adopted by the Board of Control. Prof. Wm. B. Alwood has been appointed inspector and all correspondence on the subject should be addressed to him at Blacksburg, Va. All persons interested will receive the bulletin upon request.

For Eastertide.

Happy Eastertide brings to all—rich and poor alike—its message of hope and cheer, and even the most matter-of-fact delight to honor the joyous season with all things bright and beautiful. Before it comes we love to think of it, to plan for it,—each in his individual way—and that everything should assume an Easter dress and brightness is but a natural result of the all-pervading spirit of the festival. Even the books proclaim the near advent of the auspicious time. Demorest's Magazine comes to us in Easter dress, and with Easter pictures and poems, and general "springy" character makes one immediately feel in accord with the season. The first article, "Flower Fetes and Pageants," introduces us to all the lands where Flora is feted during the months of her reign, and pictorially one becomes intimately acquainted with a favorite spot in her kingdom, Southern California. "Bernoulli's Beautiful," transports one to the land of the Easter lily, where miles and miles of lily fields furnish the "pure, proud lilies" for the adornment of our churches.

A complete story by A. Conan Doyle, "The Medal of Brigadier Gerard," handsomely illustrated, carries one along with its spirit and "go" from the first word to the last. A paper on Elizabeth Cady Stanton gives several portraits of that notable

woman taken at different ages; and in "Women in New Professional Fields" one may read the opinions of several prominent pioneers in the professions of law, architecture, the drama, journalism, etc. There is ample information in "Household" and "Home Art" for the blessed Martha of our times, without whom the world would be so cheerless; the home nurse will find admirable suggestions for the season in "Sanitarium"; and above all, the Fashion Department is replete with sensible novelties for Easter gowns, and the simple dresses that forswore women like to make at this season. Every number of Demorest's contains a Pattern Order which entitles the holder to reliable and stylish patterns at a merely nominal cost. The patterns that can be obtained during a year on the Orders given would, if purchased in the regular way, cost at least from \$50 to \$75.

Everyone who will take the trouble to cut out this notice and forward it, with ten cents, to the address below, will receive a sample copy of Demorest's Magazine, containing a Pattern Order which entitles the holder to any pattern illustrated in any number of the Magazine published during the last twelve months, at the uniform price of four cents each; and frequently over thirty patterns are illustrated in one number, thus affording an almost unlimited variety to select from. Demorest's is published for \$2 a year, by the Demorest Publishing Company, 110 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Masonic Notes.

Many of the Masonic lodges and Royal Arch chapters in Chicago have an abundance of work.

There are 20 councils of Royal and Select Masters in Vermont with 1082 members.

Tennessee has 16 councils of Royal and Select Masters with a membership of 507.

Ciphers and keys have no standing in Illinois. They are unlawful and the edict against them should be obeyed.

Three Masonic grand lodges, Montana, Utah and Texas, have a signet ring for the grand master, and its transmission and explanation is a part of the installation ceremony.

The Masonic building at Providence was recently destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$500,000.

The beginning of genuine Masonic literature was in 1834. Prior to that there was nothing worthy of the name, says the Voice of Masonry.

The Trusteeboard opposes perpetual jurisdiction because it is not a believer in eternal condemnation. The Voice of Masonry opposes it because it believes it un-Masonic and un-Christian and a judgment that finite, fallible man has no right to pronounce.

There are over 700,000 Masons in America. The fact is worth remembering.

Freemasonry approves no wrong and defends no wrongdoer. It never has no friendship for any vice or crime. It never knowingly accepts an unworthy candidate and it duly disciplines members who become unworthy by violating Divine commands and precepts. Every year it suspends or expels hundreds of members who have disregarded its teachings and violated the moral law.—Voice of Masonry.

On Feb. 20 an acacia tree was planted in a prominent spot in front of the naval hospital at Mare Island in commemoration of Bro. Dr. John M. Brown, U. S. N., and P. G. M. of California, with Masonic and military honors.

The greed of some lodges to accumulate money in the treasury is a great evil. It is even as great an evil as spending it carelessly.

A man who has no fixed place of residence is not eligible to receive the degrees in a lodge in Iowa.

In Wisconsin a fourth vote is required to admit to membership in a lodge. The single blackball has no effect.

The 33d degree is an honorary degree and difficult of attainment except by eminent service or great influence. From this degree are selected the members of the supreme council, which is the governing body of the Scottish Rite.

In the northern jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite no fee is charged for the 33d degree, while in the southern jurisdiction a fee of \$150 is charged.

Masonic lodges in Great Britain are characterized by more of sociability than prevails in this country.

In the northern jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite there are 19,790 members who have attained the 32d degree and 22,914 who have attained the 14th degree.

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President George Washington wrote that Masonry is "a society whose liberal principles are founded to the immutable laws of truth and justice," and that "the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." Masonry is today what it was when the immortal Washington wrote those words.

At the burning of the Maronic Temple at Providence, R. I. recently, a number of valuable Masonic records were destroyed, among them the portrait of Thomas Smith Webb, the founder of Royal Arch Masonry in America, and a Coffin emblematically buried by the Masons of Providence in honor of George Washington at the time of his death. The records which established St. John Commandery as the oldest in the United States were also burned.

From time to time we are able to afford our readers an insight into the proceedings of one or other of the more influential of the Grand Lodges in North America, so that they may be in position to judge for themselves to what extent there is a community of theory and practice in Freemasonry in the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. But there are some fifty Grand Lodges under the Stars and Stripes, and from the opportunities we have of learning something about their proceedings in some of those jurisdictions which have been more recently established, it is evident that the brethren have very crude ideas about Freemasonry and its organization and principles.—London Freeman.

We are credibly informed from those who have visited lodges in England, that while there is a "community of theory and practice" be-

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For THE NEWS.

between them and the lodges of the United States, there is quite a difference in the regard for one another. The "very crude ideas about Freemasonry," which seem to strike the "funny" side of our English contemporary, work well in this country and especially in the younger jurisdictions. There is underlying all these "crude ideas," just two great teachings—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and the "crude" question that is continually asked is "How can these two doctrines be best impressed?" In some places one theory and practice would do better than another. We can not judge of the needs of New Mexico, or Dakota, with their sparse population, and pioneer settlers, by the ancient city of London. If our good brother will refer to the early stories of Freemasonry even in his great metropolis, he will find a crudity that would put any American juvenile Grand Lodge to the blush. Freemasonry has flourished in this country as nowhere else, and the principles of the institution are as thoroughly practiced in the Western States as in any Grand Lodge in the world. There is a community of "brotherly love" that crude or not, carries out most completely the theory and practice of Freemasonry. Many a man from the "other side," whose allegiance belongs to England, Ireland or Scotland, can testify to the true practice of the theory of Freemasonry, and, he can not but praise its crudeness in the ready and willing help afforded him.—New York Dispatch.

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STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

CLINCH VALLEY COAL AND IRON COMPANY.

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J. W. WIRGMAN,

Secretary.

Reports from the Flat Top coal fields indicate the probability of another strike on the first of May. It is said that the miners are thoroughly organized and that they have been making preparations for the struggle for some time. It is reported that a committee of the miners will wait on a committee of the Coal Operators' Association in a few days in reference to restoring the old rate of seventy-five cents per car for mining and loading the coal. It is believed in the region that there will be great danger of a strike unless the demand is granted.

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The Capital City Commercial College has a card in this paper offering instruction free to a number of persons. Did you read it?

NOTICE. I WANT every man and woman in the United States interested in the Opium and Whisky habits to have one of my books on these diseases. Address B. M. Woolley, Atlanta, Ga., Box 382, and one will be sent you free.

In Virginia, old honey headed Winter usually shows a strong affection for young and beautiful Spring, which he evinces by the disposition to stick to her. This has been so for years which led to the poetic expression of "Winter lingering in the lap of Spring." But this year he seems to have become so enamoured of his seat in the lap of the aforesaid lovely lady that she has not been able to "shake" him at all.—Spirit of the Valley.

Mr. John Pope, vice-president of the American Tobacco Company, died at the residence of Major Lewis Ginter, in Richmond, at 9:15 o'clock last Thursday night. Mr. Pope was a native of Brooklyn.

The baseball pulse of this community grows stronger daily, and the prophetic voice of the "yamp" is heard. The coming of the champions of the National League, the "Phillies," and the "Bass Enters" to Virginia has given the impulse, and the defeat of the Phillies by the Lynchburg team has thrown all the "fans" into a fever of excitement.

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